

Table 9. Average daily patient load and 95% confidence intervals for veteran RN and LPN nurses involved in direct patient care and employed in hospital in-patient units

In-patient Unit Type:	Veteran RNs			Veteran LPNs		
	Group N	Average Patient Load	95% Confidence Interval	Group N	Average Patient Load	95% Confidence Interval
Labor & delivery or mother & baby	5	2.9	1.6 – 4.2	0	-	-
Critical care	5	3.0	1.2 – 4.8	0	-	-
Neonatal	3	3.0	1.8 – 4.2	0	-	-
Step-down / telemetry	3	5.7	4.2 – 7.1	0	-	-
Pediatrics	2	6.0	-19.4 – 31.4	0	-	-
Operating room / surgery	5	9.3	4.3 – 14.3	1	NA	NA
Med / surg	16	12.3	5.0 – 19.7	12	8.0	6.3 – 9.6
Emergency dept.	8	17.7	10.5 – 24.8	3	20.0	9.2 – 30.8
Other unit types	21	11.0	7.7 – 14.3	10	14.4	2.9 – 25.9

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Table 10. Average daily patient load and 95% confidence intervals for veteran RN and LPN nurses involved in direct patient care by specific community-based settings

Community Setting Type:	Veteran RNs			Veteran LPNs		
	Group N	Average Patient Load	95% Confidence Interval	Group N	Average Patient Load	95% Confidence Interval
Hospital out-patient	10	11.3	7.7 – 14.8	6	21.8	3.6 – 40.0
Student health site	2	13.5	-31.0 – 58.0	1	NA	NA
Occupational health	4	17.3	8.5 – 26.0	1	NA	NA
Medical office practice	8	20.9	11.3 – 30.5	24	25.7	21.7 – 29.8
HMO / insurance company	0	-	-	1	NA	NA
Mental health facility	5	15.4	1.3 – 29.5	3	17.0	1.5 – 32.5
Home care / hospice	2	1.0	NA	8	1.0	NA
Public clinic / health dept.	6	16.6	10.5 – 22.7	4	15.0	7.4 – 22.6
Private duty	17	4.8	3.2 – 6.4	11	5.3	-0.5 – 11.1
Government agency	2	27.5	-4.3 – 59.3	1	NA	NA
Other	7	10.5	5.5 – 15.5	8	22.6	14.1 – 31.2

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